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FRUCTOSE-1,6-BISPHOSPHATASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application papers mailed October 16, 2001.

Kindly replace the Abstract on pages 122-124 with the following:

--Novel purine compounds of the following structure and their use as fructose-1,6bisphosphatase inhibitors is described:

wherein A, E, X, and Y are as defined herein.--

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a marked up version of the Abstract, showing the amendments made, is appended hereto.

> CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being mailed, with sufficient postage via the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail, to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below.

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No fee is believed due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required, or to credit any overpayment due, during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1273.

Respectfully submitted,

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